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Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/828,519	Applicant(s) Lo
Examiner Felten	Art Unit 3624

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6/24/2003
- 2a) This action is FINAL.
- 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) 11-14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 6-10 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claims are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other:

DETAILED ACTION

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2 1. The Notice of Election of Group I: claims 1-10, is acknowledged. Group II: claims 11-
3 14, is hereby withdrawn from consideration.

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5 *Response to Arguments*

6 2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10 have been considered but are moot in
7 view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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10 *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

11 3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all
12 obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

13 (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in
14 section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art
15 are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a
16 person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be
17 negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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19 4. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Black in
20 view of Black et al (hereinafter "Black", US 6,012,042) in view of Negishi (US 5,444, 819).

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22 **Re claim 1:**

23 Black discloses a system for processing price data corresponding to a sequence of time for a
24 selected interval, the system comprising:

1 a database means (12--*Technical data storage device*, or 16--*fundamental data storage*
2 *device*) for storing said price data in system addressable format, wherein said price data is
3 organized for processing into non-linear relationship (see Black, fig. 1, col. 4, ll. 20+);

4 a data processor (10--*Data Conversion Apparatus*) responsive to price data stored in
5 the database and capable of generating the non-linear relationship (see Black, fig. 1, col. 4, ll.
6 45+);

7 Black also discloses that a user is able to choose from a variety of technical and
8 fundamental analysis techniques and technologies (see Black, col. 10, ll. 57-67). However,

9 Black fails to disclose a pattern recognition processor for applying the smoothed non-
10 linear relationship to discern the existence of one or more patterns of price-time data; and

11 generating a results output based on a recognition of the pattern. Negishi discloses a
12 pattern recognition processor to discern patterns of price-time data and generates an output
13 based upon the recognition of the pattern (see Negishi, Abstract; col. 16, ll. 8-41). Because
14 Black recognizes that technical analysis includes the examination of price data, and other
15 related information, to process and predict trends associated with various markets (see Black,
16 col. 30+; and col. 2, ll. 48+), it would have been obvious for an artisan at the time of the
17 invention of Black to integrate/substitute the pattern recognition processor, because an artisan
18 at the time of the invention would have sought to use a pattern recognition processor to
19 conveniently and automatically analyze market trends and make market decisions as shown in
20 figure 3 (see Black, fig. 3, col. 9, ll. 64 to col. 10, ll. 33). Both the stock price chart and CCI
21 (of Black) and the TOPIX (of Negishi) both have market trends and therefore are considered
22 art recognized equivalents whereby the use of a recognition processor would present no

1 unexpected results (to analyze market trends and make market predictions) to one of ordinary
2 skill in the art.

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5 **Re claim 2:**

6 wherein real-time price data is inputted from commercial financial data vendors (see Black,
7 col. 1, ll. 46-65).

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9 **Re claim 3:**

10 wherein the database includes means for storing price data taken form end of day trading
11 records (see Black, col. 1, ll. 46-65).

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13 **Re claim 4:**

14 wherein data means includes means for storing trading volume and trade size data (see Black,
15 col. 1, ll. 46-65).

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17 **Re claim 5:**

18 comprising means for testing prediction characteristics, via convergence criteria and adjusting
19 system parameters in response to the criteria (see Black, col. 1, ll. 46-65).

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1 *Allowable Subject Matter*

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3 5. Claims 6-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would
4 be allowable if incorporated as limitations within the body of independent claim 1.
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7 *Conclusion*

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9 6. A list of relevant prior art appears below not relied upon in this Office Action:

10 **US Patents:**

11 Pilipovic (US 6,456,982) discloses a computer system for generating projected

12 Kil et al (US 5,682,465) discloses learning method of non-linear network function approximate

13 7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner
14 should be directed to **Daniel S. Felten** whose telephone number is (703) 305-0724. The
15 examiner can normally be reached between the hours of 7:00AM to 5:30PM Monday-Thursday.

16 Any inquiry of a general nature relating to the status of this application or its proceedings should
17 be directed to the Customer Service Office (703) 306-5631, or the examiner's supervisor
18 **Vincent Millin** whose telephone number is (703) 308-1065.
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20 8. Response to this action should be mailed to:
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23 Washington, D.C. 20231
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1 for formal communications intended for entry, or (703) 305-0040, for informal or draft
2 communications, please label "Proposed" or "Draft".

3 Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35
4 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be
5 addressed to *[daniel.felten@uspto.gov]*.

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7 employees do not engage in Internet communications where there exists a possibility that
8 sensitive information could be identified or exchanged unless the record includes a properly
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10 signed express waiver of the confidentiality requirements of 35 U.S.C. 122. This is more clearly
11 set forth in the Interim Internet Usage Policy published in the Official Gazette of the Patent and
12 Trademark on February 25, 1997 at 1 195 OG 89.

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